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Rome research contract to protect computer networks

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ROME, N.Y. — The Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate has awarded a \$1,827,019 contract to BBNT Solutions LLC of Cambridge, Mass., to develop software that will alleviate problems created by attacks on computer networks.

The three-year agreement, “Denial of Service Triage,” is funded by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency of Arlington, Va., under its Fault Tolerant Network program.

“The goal of this technology is to minimize network disruption

from a ‘denial of service’ attack, where someone tries to flood a network with information to halt normal operations,” said David E. Krzysiak, program manager in the directorate’s Information Grid Division.

“This software technology will be able to discriminate valid traffic sources from fake sources,” said Krzysiak. “It is intended to isolate bad traffic and allow as much valid traffic as possible to flow within a network.” @